

## *Letters to the Editor*

### **A Flurry of Gaps**

To the Herald Tribune:

Several years ago our leaders told us that there was a great growth gap between Russia and the United States and that we were lagging far behind. Now the Central Intelligence Agency has reported the gap is wider than most Americans think and that Russia is lagging far behind us.

One also recalls that the Democrats made the "missile gap" a Presidential campaign issue. Four months after the election, Secretary of Defense McNamara denied there was a "missile gap."

History is replete with examples of the decline of civilizations which lived by myth and illusion. We have plenty of both.

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